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Respectfully Submitted By


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Tuesday, February 25, 2020

RE: Deanwood Amended ANC 7D Recommendations on Comprehensive Plan Framework Elements

Deanwood a neighborhood in Northeast Washington, D.C., bounded by Eastern Avenue to the northeast, Kenilworth Avenue to the northwest, Division Avenue to the southeast, and Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue to the south.

One of Northeast's oldest neighborhoods, **Deanwood's** relatively low-density, small wood-frame and brick homes, and dense tree cover give it a small-town character that is *unique* in the District of Columbia. Much of its housing stock dates from the early 20th century. Several well-known African-American architects, including William Sidney Pittman and Howard D. Woodson, and many skilled local craftsmen designed and built many of its homes. The neighborhood was once home to Nannie Helen Burroughs, an early civil rights leader and the founder of the National Training School for Women and Girls, an independent boarding school for African-American girls founded in 1909 and located on 50th Street, NE. Marvin Gaye (1939–1984) was also born and raised in this neighborhood. From 1921 to 1940, Deanwood was also home to Suburban Gardens (50th and Hayes NE), a black-owned amusement park that served thousands of African-American residents during a time of racial segregation.

FNS-2.2 Deanwood

Housing in the **Deanwood** residential community should remain “Low Density Residential” in order to maintain the quiet, and livable enjoyment of its residents, and to foster a sense of community pride to our threatened historic neighborhoods. Maintain an environment free of pollution, traffic and over-development.

Policy FNS-1.1.5 Commercial District Revitalization

The commercial corridors of Far Northeast neighborhoods should maintain a constant character of “Low to Medium Density Commercial” development in an effort to maintain the non-downtown appearance of the community and yet improve the economic status of the neighborhood. All “High Density Commercial” Development should be reserved for the downtown portions of the city and excluded from historic residential neighborhoods of the city, including **Deanwood**, River Terrace, Kenilworth and Kingman Park.

Office Of planning Reference: SAP7 Deanwood Strategic Development Plan. The Main Page dated on March 2008. Prepared for DC Office of Planning, Mayor Muriel Bowser and Office of Planning. **Approved by DC Council on July 15, 2008** stated OP responded to Comments received and presented a revised plan to the Council for approval on April 15,

2008. The Council of the District Council approved the plan on July 15, 2008 through RESOLUTIONS, 17-0875. Archival hearing transcript and public comments response can be requested; which was prepared for DC Office of Planning.

ANC7D comprehension Amendment plan

Below is Official ANC7D Support Resolution for SMD7D03 Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Vote: 5 to 0 in favor.

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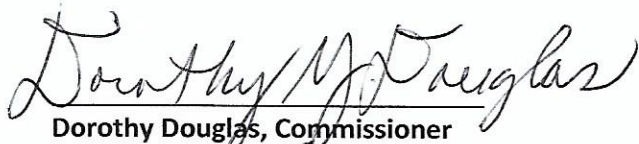
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Official Letter to Andrew Trueblood, Director of OP sent overnight on Thursday 13, 2020. Official Letter sent to Commissioner Culver Cinque on Friday February 14, 2020. Official email requesting draft of ANC7D Resolution Comp Plan dated February 14, 2020 to make any changes, add additional recommendations and comments. 4409 Minnesota Avenue NE proposed site for Company No. 27 Fire/EMS Station. **ANC7D has never agreed or supported this site for such**

a critical service. Placing that fire station on that site will impede reasonable response time to emergencies due to the gridlock of traffic in that area especially during peak/rush hours. ANC7D recommended that it place Fire Engine Company No. 27 along Hunt Place NE which is steps from its current location. This location would provide the trucks and storage unit needed, more ingress and egress, with easier access for emergencies via Helen Burroughs Ave NE and Minnesota Ave NE. ANC7D urges OP to review operation of the Fire Company Engine No 27 report in operating at 4409 Minnesota Avenue, NE. ANC7D supported needed infrastructure upgrade along Sheriff Road NE, the west side of 44th Street which connects Minnesota Ave NE. **ANC7D Commission previously NOTIFIED District of Columbia Government/Office of Planning that it WILL NOT SUPPORT a change in the R-2 use residential property Status of the that community.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Dorothy Douglas, Commissioner
ANC7D SMD03